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GABONESE TV PROGRAMMERS

REF: A) STATE 275147; B) STEPHERSON-DAWSON LETTER
OF SEPTEMBER 23

1. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONDING TO REFTEL. THIS DUE
APPOINTMENT NEW DIRECTOR OF GABONESE RADIO AND TELEVISION,
AND HIS SUBSEQUENT ABSENCE FROM LIBREVILLE. HE INFORMED
PAO DECEMBER 16 THAT HE ESSENTIALLY IN AGREEMENT WITH
HIS PREDECESSOR CONCERNING TRAINING FOR HIS STAFFERS.

2. TRAINEES HAVE NO ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAPABILITY AND WOULD
REQUIRE INTENSIVE LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR AT LEAST FIRST
THREE MONTHS.

3. GABONESE WISH SEND TWO TRAINEES A YEAR TO US OVER
PERIOD OF SEVERAL YEARS. ONE YEAR ONE TRAINEE WOULD
SPECIALIZE IN TV SET DESIGN AND THE OTHER IN
NEWS PROGRAM PRODUCTION. THE FOLLOWING TWO TRAINEES
WOULD RECEIVE TECHNICAL TRAINING IN OTHER SPECIALITIES.

4. MOST TRAINEES WOULD HAVE BACCALAUREATE FROM LOCAL
LYCEE AND A YEAR OR MORE ON THE JOB WORK EXPERIENCE.

5. TRAINEES ARE SEEKING TRAINING RATHER THAN DEGREES OR
CERTIFICATES. ACCORDING NEW DIRECTOR, THESE CERTAINLY
ACCEPTABLE, BUT ARE SECONDARY GOALS.

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6. TRAINEE EXPECTED SPEND MINIMUM SIX MONTHS AND MAXIMUM
ONE YEAR IN US.

7. IF CU ABLE ORGANIZE TRAINING PROGRAM, RADIO/TV DIRECTOR
WOULD LIKE ONE STAFFER TRAINED IN TV SET DESIGN AND THE
OTHER IN VARIETY SHOW PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES FOR FIRST YEAR
OF PROGRAM. STEIGMAN

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